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OUR VISION
Building Connections
Growing God's Family

We are meeting
new families
almost every Sunday

Come Grow With Us

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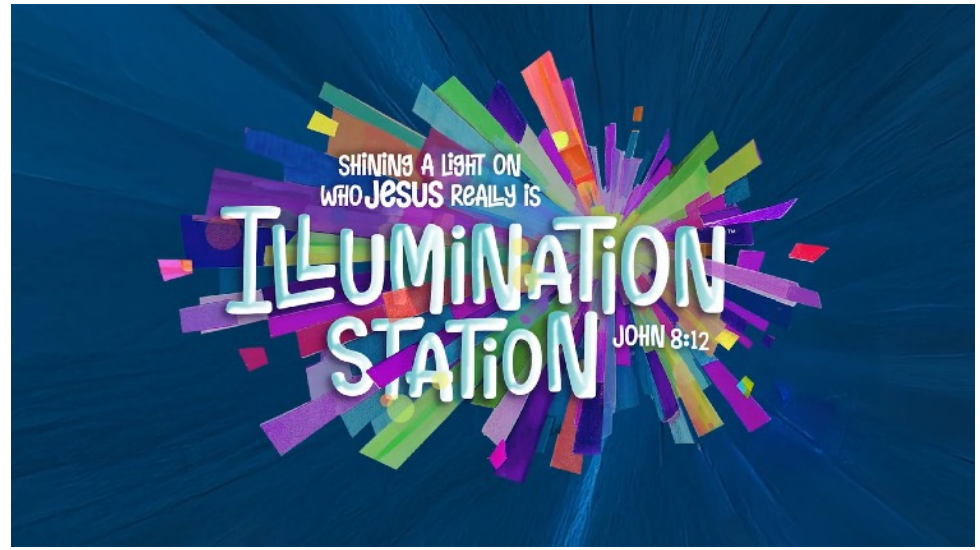
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Wolfsville Community

Vacation Bible School

at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

Mon-Fri, June 22-26 6 pm – 7:30 pm



SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

This summer, the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren is hosting the Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School.

- 11301 Meeting House Road
- Grades Pre-K to 5th

Register at
<https://forms.gle/Yb3FiToQ5QNTEAVz5>

VBS Theme
 This year's theme will be *Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is!*
 Children will embark on a fun-filled journey of discovery as they learn that Jesus is the Light of the World and the promised Son of God.

In a world filled with confusion and changing opinions, *Illumination Station* points children to the unchanging truth of Scripture. Throughout the week, boys and girls will explore Bible stories that reveal who Jesus truly is — God's promised Son, the perfect

Savior, the powerful Son of God, and God's plan for forgiveness and eternal life. Each evening will be packed with exciting activities including Bible study, music, creative crafts, games, snacks, and mission opportunities. Activities will help bring the theme to life while reminding children that God's truth shines brightly in every situation. Every child attending Vacation Bible School will not only have fun, but also grow in faith and understanding as they discover the love of Christ. Please be praying for Vacation Bible School workers, families, and children as they prepare for this special week at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren. Invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren for an unforgettable adventure at *Illumination Station!* If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Rudman at katie.rudman@gmail.com



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Building Connections.
Growing God's Family.

Salem Mission Statement:
Bringing hope by sharing the peace of Christ through teaching His word, extending His grace, and serving others in His love.

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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

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Apr 2026 — Average Worship Attendance
118 In Sanctuary
44 Zoom Online
162 TOTAL



2026 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Apr 2026

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$820.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	\$0.00
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons)	\$624.68
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber)	\$200.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$2,677.81
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$900.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus)	\$400.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$75.00
9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras)	\$425.00
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$600.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$700.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$140.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry)	\$0.00
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$105.00
TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2026	\$7,734.49

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem Community Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering box at church, designate electronically, or mail to Salem. If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Salem Mission Project No. 15

NEW PROJECT

Asheton & Tara Root — En-Route to West Africa



ASHETON & TARA ROOT

THEIR 4 CHILDREN: ELIYA, RINNA, AURELIA, AND NAHUM

Asheton & Tara, who currently live in Huntingdon, PA, have completed their missionary training with Ethnos360 and are currently seeking support to go to Senegal, West Africa, in August. Tara is a granddaughter of Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer who served many years as missionaries in Senegal, now retired. Salem is pleased to begin this new journey with the Root Family by providing a minimum of \$300 per month to support their ministry.

Who's Doing What, When?

June 2026

9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & ONLINE ZOOM WORSHIP

Lay Reader

- 7 Ron Holter
- 14 Denny Leatherman
- 21 Heidi Agostini
- 28 Wanda Barkdoll

Acolyte

- 7 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 14 Brynleigh Irons
- 21 Shelby Leatherman
- 28 Saralynn Irons

Organist/Pianist

- 7 Susan Koons
- 14 Joann Leatherman
- 21 Susan Koons
- 28 Joann Leatherman

Presenter PC

- 7 Wanda Barkdoll
- 14 Cathie Elsbach
- 21 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 28 Brandon Leatherman

Zoom PC

- 7 Robin Haupt
- 14 Brandon Leatherman
- 21 Wanda Barkdoll
- 28 Michael Burrier

Greeters

- 7 Paula Main
- 14 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 21 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 28 David & Wanda Kline

New Members Received

52 New Members since becoming Salem Community Church



April 26, 2026 — Salem extends a warm welcome to (l to r) **Mary & Forrest Hunt** and **Joe & Jill Kulina**. Pastor Neil joins the group for the photo at the center.

May 24, 2026 — Salem extends a warm welcome to **Caroline C. Miller** (not pictured) who recently transferred her membership from Frederick Church of the Brethren.

We are so grateful that God has brought each of you to our fellowship, and we pray for His continued blessing on your spiritual journeys. Salem has now received 52 new members since becoming Salem Community Church.

Salem Logo Apparel

Orders due June 28

- Visit www.corporatecasuals.com/ embroidered to view available items.
- Submit orders by June 28 to Wanda Barkdoll at jansack@earthlink.net.
- Please include item description, size, and color.
- Wanda will place the order. When items are received, you pay Wanda.



It's Your Day!



June Anniversaries

- 2 - Pastor Neil & Misty Suders
- 8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 20 - Tony & Rhonda Miller
- 22 - Mark & Sarah Koons
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

June Birthdays

- 1 - Emily Burrier
- 2 - Richard Freysz
- 2 - Bob Stup
- 3 - Kenneth Ifert
- 3 - Andrea Palmer
- 3 - Barbara Palmer
- 11 - Joyce Weaver
- 12 - Petie Stup
- 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman
- 22 - Forrest Hunt
- 23 - Seth Hipkins
- 23 - Jeremiah Sowers
- 24 - Casey Weddle
- 25 - Timothy Eccard
- 26 - Justin Brown
- 26 - Paul McCormick
- 27 - George Stottlemeyer
- 28 - Liam Haupt

**WE ARE A CHURCH
THAT TEACHES AND
PREACHES TRADITIONAL
CHRISTIAN VALUES.**

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor's Parsonage Office:

- **Monday** 10:00-5:00 Study, sermon prep, administrative duties
- **Tuesday** 8:00-4:30 study, sermon & Bible study prep
- **Wednesday** 8:00-4:30 Sermon & Bible study prep
- **Thursday** 8:00-4:30 visitation, study

Pastor's Home Office:

- **Friday** 8:00-4:00 sermon prep (working from his residence on Fridays)

Pastor's Day Off:

- **Saturday:** available for emergencies

NOTE: Please notify Pastor Neil of scheduled hospital procedures. Also, he may be out of the office for meetings, appointments and visitation, so it would be best to make an appointment.



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

My Father

By Hilda Butler Farr

If God had let me choose from men
The one I'd like to be my dad,
I would have chosen someone kind
Who made the best of what he had.

I would have asked that he possess
A hand of strength, a pleasant smile,
And be a person children loved,
Who knew best how to meet a trial.

I would have hoped he'd understand
A daughter who is just like me,
And that he'd share my dreams and hopes,
Whatever they would chance to be.

And He whose wisdom never fails
Bestowed on me the best He had —
A man with all these traits and more,
The man I fondly call my dad.



A Graduate's Prayer

By Helen Steiner Rice

Father, I have knowledge,
So will You show me now
How to use it wisely
And find a way somehow
To make the world I live in
A better place . . .
And make life with its problems
A bit easier to face —
Grant me faith and courage
And put purpose in my days —
And show me how to serve You
In the most effective ways
So all my education,
My knowledge and my skill,
May find their true fulfillment
As I learn to do Your will.
And may I ever be aware
In everything I do
That knowledge comes from learning —
And wisdom comes from You.



The person who is waiting
for something to turn up
might do well to start
with their own shirt sleeves.



RECIPE



Old-Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake

1/2 cup butter	2 cups flour
1 cup sugar	3 teaspoons baking powder
2 eggs	1 quart fresh strawberries, sliced
1 cup milk	

1. Cream together, butter and sugar until well blended. Add eggs and mix until creamy. Add milk, flour, and baking powder and beat until well blended. Pour into greased 9-inch square baking pan.
2. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.
3. Serve with fresh strawberries and milk. Makes 4-6 servings.

Selected from "Lancaster County Cookbook"
compiled by Louise Stoltzfus and Jan Mast



Dad

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

With wrinkled face and graying hair
He sits there in his rocking chair,
Reflecting on some memory
That inward eyes can only see.

He likes to talk of the good old days
When life was sweet in many ways
And God and honor was a part
Of those things within the heart.

He says that time has gone so fast
As he dwells on memories past,
And thanks his God for every year
And for each blessing sweet and dear.

His legs are weak and eyes are dim,
Which doesn't seem to bother him,
For his heart is full of grace
That aging years cannot erase.

His voice is kind and very clear
And talks of things you love to hear,
Relating tales of long ago
When life was rough and kind of slow.

Some days he looks so very glum
Since the twilight years have come,
Then a smile from him will shine
Like a light that is divine.

When I see him bowed in prayer.
From his lonely, rocking chair,
I feel that somehow he has found
A little plot of Holy Ground.

Sticky Buns & Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's "Bee-lievers" women's group, Anita Harshman is making sticky buns and pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12
- Apple Pie: \$10
- Cherry or Peach: \$11
- Raspberry, Blueberry or Blackberry: \$13

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126.

August 2020

Happy Father's Day June 21, 2026

Every man
in attendance on
Father's Day
will receive a gift
from Salem Community
Church.

Message to Our Graduates

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths."

— Proverbs 3:5-6



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in June

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

Theology 101; Soteriology; the Doctrine of Salvation

We commence our series of Theology with the doctrine of Soteriology. The Greek word, *soteria*, means save, or salvation. Therefore, Soteriology is the study of salvation. It carries the idea of God rescuing and delivering people and granting them victory.

When studying the doctrine of salvation, it is crucial to understand several aspects: namely, the need for salvation, the means of salvation, the scope of salvation, and the permanence of salvation.

The Need for Salvation

There is a need for salvation because mankind has inherited a sin nature. Romans 5:12 says, “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—”

Because of that sin nature, the Bible says mankind is deserving of death and hell. “We are not sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners.” The sin nature made us sinners. Being sinners puts us in need of salvation.

Sadly, being a sinner also separated us from God. Because God is holy, He cannot be in the presence of sin. Since we were born sinners, we are born separated from God. We need salvation to pass from spiritual death to spiritual life.

The Means of Salvation

The means of salvation is part of God’s gracious plan. Reading through the Old Testament, one learns that God demanded atonement for sin. A blood sacrifice could provide forgiveness for sins, both intentional and unintentional.

God instructed His people to bring an animal without blemish to the priest



who, in turn, would slay the animal and sprinkle the blood on the altar. Every time there was sin and a need for atonement, another animal had to be slain.

However, God’s plan was to sacrifice His One and Only Son to be the eternal sacrifice. Revelation 13:8... “to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world,” indicates that it was the intention of the Godhead to provide permanent atonement to all who would put their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Scope of Salvation

When considering the scope of salvation, there are two different schools of thought. The first school of thought is known as the Calvinist perspective (because of the writings of John Calvin).

Calvinists believe that there is a ‘limited atonement’, meaning God’s grace will only save those who are considered “elect”. The elect were predetermined before the creation of mankind. Without belaboring this topic, I believe there are NUMEROUS verses that refute the limited atonement theory.

In the other camp, one finds the Arminian perspective (named after Jacobus Arminius).

The Arminian belief seems to be supported by more Scripture than the Calvinist approach. It teaches the ‘unlimited atonement’ perspective.

God sent Jesus to die for the sins of the whole world and whoever believes in him shall have eternal life. That is the

teaching which I accept.

The Permanence of Salvation

And THAT brings us to the final consideration of soteriology; the permanence of salvation.

Are those who put their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior at risk of possibly losing their salvation? Some say, “yes” while others say, “no”.

I espouse the second view. Let me share the reasons why.

First, to be saved means to be “justified” (declared righteous by God). God declares one righteous by faith and not by works. (Ephesians 2:8,9).

If God declared me righteous on March 15, 1969, He did so because of His grace. God’s grace cannot be changed. Nor can His declaration be revoked because God never changes (theologically, that is called the immutability of God).

This is reinforced by John 10:28,29 which says, ²⁸“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

Some might argue, “but can people walk away and reject their faith?” Some might suggest that is possible. But if no one can “snatch them out of the Father’s hand,” it seems that we, ourselves, can’t either.

Those who abandon their faith are addressed in I John 2:19, “They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”

I believe those who walk away from the faith were never truly born again. Many good people disagree with this stance, but I feel it is supported by Scripture more effectively.

2 Timothy 2:15

In Christ. —Pastor Neil

Worship in June

“The Shepherd’s Psalm”

One of the most famous passages in the Old Testament is the twenty-third Psalm. People memorize it and recite it during stressful seasons of life.

It was written by David who had spent years as a shepherd. The experiences he had tending his sheep reminded him of the

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WORSHIP IN JUNE

nurturing that God bestows on His sheep.

David used Hebrew names of Jehovah to emphasize how God watched over and blessed him, and so we can identify the same ways those names describe His care for us.

This sermon series is called "The Shepherd's Psalm", and during this series, we will learn more about Our Great Shepherd.

Sunday, June 7

"The LORD Will Provide"

Psalm 23:1

The NIV Translation interprets verse one as "The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing." I prefer the ESV translation, "The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want." It just sounds better!

The message is that Jehovah God will provide for our needs, and that means we will lack nothing. i.e., we "shall not want."

How does the provision of God affect our lives? When we learn to trust in the Providence of God, when coupled with His benevolence, there will be less stress, and more contentment.

Sunday, June 14

"The LORD is Peace"

Psalm 23:2

As David led his sheep through the wilderness, there were times when he needed to force his sheep to stay in the lush, green pastures.

Similarly, they were restless and would not "stop where the water was still and calm." But our Great Shepherd also forces us to "slow down" at times and enjoy His goodness. Jehovah Shalom means "the

LORD is Peace" and that peace is a tranquility that passes all understanding.

Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day)

"The LORD Who Heals"

Psalm 23:3

This verse has two components to it: one is restoration and the other is direction. Jehovah Rapha is the Hebrew name that means, "God the Healer." His healing involves restoration from hurt and suffering, but it is partnered with guidance along paths of righteousness.

The LORD who heals is seeking to restore us when we are hurting and guide us when we are tempted to stray off the righteous paths.

Today we will learn HOW God heals, and WHY God heals. We will also recognize all fathers today.

Sunday, June 28

"The LORD is There"

Psalm 23:4

Walking through the valley of the shadow of death needs not be a daunting, fearful task. This verse shows us that we can fear no evil because He is with us.

There were two items every shepherd used back then: a rod and a staff. We will learn why they were used back then and apply those principles to how the Great Shepherd can use them on us today.

The Omnipresence of God is a term that means God is in all places at one time in all of His nature. Because "He is There" we can face whatever life brings us.

"Monthly Themes" for Wolfsville Food Pantry at Salem

On May 1, 2026, the Food Pantry moved across the parking lot to the front room in the parsonage.

In April, we served 23 families and, as of this writing, 12 families in May.

June

Canned Meat: Spam, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Salmon, etc.

July

Fruit: Canned or Fresh

August

Hygiene Products: Shampoo, body wash, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

September

Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, BBQ Sauce, Pickles, Relish, etc.



October

Blankets: New only, please.

November

Turkeys

December

Baking Supplies: Cake Mix, Icing, Jello, Cooking Oil, Pudding, Salt, Pepper, etc.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Soleil Eloheh Cordelli

Meet Soleil (pronounced Soh-lay which means "sun" in French) Eloheh (pronounced Ay-lo-hay, which means "peace" in Cherokee) Cordelli.

She was born Saturday, May 9th at 9:27am weighing 8lbs 11oz and measuring 20.5" long. She was born within an hour right in the comfort of our own bedroom. We are blessed and thankful that both Brittany and Soleil were safe and healthy.

Soleil spends most of her naps being passed around to her eight siblings to be held, and she has currently earned the nickname "So-laid-back" due to her go-with-the-flow temperament. She melts when taken outside and into the bright, warm sunshine; her little arms and legs unfold from right against her body like a rapidly thawing whole chicken.

We are quiet and private and were apprehensive about sharing this special piece of our lives in such a public way, but the welcome our family has received from this wonderful church body has compelled us to step out in faith and let go. God bless and thank you for caring.

—The Cordelli Family



Salem Mission Project No. 4

Tim Leber's Ministry Van has a new logo. Now scheduling through mid-October. Offering free individually wrapped ice cream and prayers at your events.

Heroes' Club Sunday Children at Salem

Photo by Jim Laky



Heroes' Club Sunday

May 17, 2026 — As part of our partnership with Wolfsville Elementary School, we have been offering Heroes' Club on Mondays from 3:30-5:30. Each club day features games, snacks, crafts, and a Bible lesson.

There are 31 children registered, and we average around 24 students (ranging between kindergarten and fifth grade) any given Monday.

Every year we celebrate the leaders and students and recognize the students with a certificate. About one half of the students were able to make it to Heroes' Club Sunday this year. Those students and the leaders are pictured here.

Heroes' Club will end June 1st, with a picnic and even a dunk tank for some lucky individual! If you would like to help as a volunteer next year, please see me during the summer. I appreciate the church supporting this ministry!

In Christ. —Pastor Neil

Photo by Jim Laky



There's something special about "Children's Time" during worship

May 17, 2026 — Each week, Pastor Neil shares the Gospel with the kids in a way that's simple, joyful, and meaningful for all ages. He knows all their names. In his message to the children, Pastor Neil will tell them to listen for certain things that he will say in his sermon. We encourage children to remain with their parents in worship. Children who worship with their parents learn early that they are part of the larger church family.

Tribute to Fathers

So, God Made a Father

He is the first hero a little child will ever know.

His influence lasts much longer than his life.

The Lord created fathers to be a living, breathing display of who He is: a protector, a provider and a leader. And while some earthly fathers fail, many strive to live out God's plan for fatherhood, even though it's a pretty tall order.

Unfortunately, many father children, but some are not truly fathers.

Consider what God asks Fathers to do

- Provide for their families (1 Tim. 5:8)
- Love sacrificially (Eph. 5:25-33)
- Teach their children about the Lord (Eph. 6:4)
- Encourage their children (Col. 3:21)
- Talk about God's word, often (Deut. 6:6-9)
- Appreciate their children (Ps. 127:3-5)
- Guide their families in serving the Lord (Josh. 24:15)
- Set a good example (Prov. 20:7)
- Love their children enough to discipline them (Prov. 13:24; 19:18)
- Lead their families as Christ leads the church (Eph. 5:23)

Fathers are often unappreciated, but God highly values them.

Some consider fathers to be weak, but God designed it for the strong.

Fathers are often the butt of jokes, but God takes them seriously.

And so should we.

Soon, our nation will pause to honor our fathers. While our fathers aren't perfect, they do deserve recognition for the good that they do and the love they give.

So this Father's Day, give a father who is close to you a hug and a heartfelt compliment. Make a call. Share a family meal. Send a card saying that you love him. Overlook your differences. Don't let this opportunity go by without letting the fathers in your life know how much you appreciate them.

"The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them."
Proverbs 20:7 (NLT)

Grades 3-5

BE A "SPARKS YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY

In June, the "Sparks" (Grades 3-5) Upper Elementary Sunday School class will learn about "Worshipping God" through engaging lessons that highlight how the church worships.

How to Worship

In 1 Samuel, the "Sparks" students will see that we worship when we listen to and obey God.

In Ezra, they will discover how God's people worshiped and glorified Him through song.

In the New Testament, students will learn about worship through prayer and see how the church in Antioch served one another as an act of love and worship to God. Together, these stories will show that worship is much more than just singing a song.

The lessons use engaging materials and videos like "Scripture Sketches" and "The Adventures of Dab & Derek" to reinforce the gospel message in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Mike Burrier teaches the "Sparks" Upper Elementary Class each Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. We've recently moved our classroom downstairs -- come check us out!



Seniors Ministry

Age 60 and Older

Tuesday, June 9

By Ken Walls

Our next Seniors Ministry meeting will be on June 9th at 10 a.m. - 'til noon.

Our subject will be DAD—
"Dad's Story" Grizzly Bear or Teddy Bear?

We'll be sharing stories about dad. What was he really like? Was he really a grizzly bear or more like a teddy bear? A 'preacher' or a 'teacher' (the bark & the bite)? A techie or a toolman?

We'll be exploring these and many other great moments with dad. And, as time permits, we'll take a closer look at Father Abraham.

We got da coffee. You bring da cookies.

—Ken & Thelma Walls



Adult Discussion Group — Couples & Singles

New Study Series — "People Who Met Jesus"

Salem's Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class, consisting of couples and singles, recently began a new study series called "People Who Met Jesus," based on a book by Dr. David Jeremiah.

This study includes 10 Bible people: Nicodemus, Woman at the Well, the Rich Young Ruler, Zacchaeus, the Dying Thief, Mary Magdalene, Saul of Tarsus, Woman Caught in Adultery, Pontius Pilate, and the Leper Who Returned.

Students will determine, after studying each character, whose lives were changed forever. New students are invited to join anytime. The class meets every Sunday from 10:15-11:00 a.m. in the upstairs social room. Coffee & snacks are provided. Bill Burrier is the group leader.



NEWS & NOTES

Welcome to First Time Visitors

We have many new folks attending worship. If you are new to our church, please complete a "Connection Card" so we can get acquainted.

Pastor Neil will send you a card. Please let him know if you have a need. He will meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

First time visitors are asked not to feel obligated to give any money to the church; we pray that you will receive a blessing as our special guest.

We encourage children to remain with their parents in worship and participate in Pastor Neil's children's message. Children who worship with their parents learn early that they are part of the larger church family. They grow up seeing themselves as valued members of the congregation.

Children's Activity Bags

Children's Activity Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary each Sunday.

Each bag contains activities around the scripture for the day and other activities to engage your little ones during the service.

Need to Step Out During the Service?

If you need to step out during the service, you may watch the service on the big screen in the upstairs social room. Feel free to use this space whenever needed.

Annual Financial Audit Completed

Our thanks to Meredith Harshman for conducting the audit of Salem's 2025 financial records. Accounts audited were General Church Treasury, Lord's Acre Project, Cemetery Accounts, Building and Improvement Fund, Pavilion Fund, General Fund Savings, Music Program, and three investment funds.

Meredith found the churches financial records to be up-to-date and in proper order. Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, will keep the congregation informed of Salem's financial status with a quarterly report in the Sunday worship bulletin.

Organists during the month of June

Salem's organist Sara Weitzel will be recovering from a recent medical procedure during the month of June.

We express our sincere gratitude to Susan Koons and Joann Leatherman for serving as organist while Sara is recovering. Susie Stottlemeyer will continue to serve as pianist when there is a fifth Sunday in the month.

Honoring our Graduates: June 14

We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 14, during worship. All graduates will receive a gift from Salem— High School, College, Graduate School, or Trade School.

NEWS & NOTES

Baptism Services Scheduled

There will be two upcoming opportunities to participate in Believer’s Baptism by immersion on Sunday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. at the Mueller’s Pool, 3233 Black Rock Road, and Sunday, June 14, 12:00 noon at the Church of Christ, 10014 White Hall Road. Please contact Pastor Neil for more information or to schedule a baptism.

Special Music during Worship

If you would like to present a musical offering during worship for June, July or August, please contact Marlene Young at 301-491-5275 or marleneyoung99@aol.com.

Council Approves Equipment Purchases

The Salem Church Council recently approved the purchase of 4 additional folding tables. Some will be used in Sunday School classrooms and others when needed for events.

Council also approved the purchase of a new laptop computer to replace a very old one currently used to run the audio-visual system in the sanctuary.

New Cemetery Adornment Policy

By George Stottlemyer, Chair
Cemetery Committee

Beginning in 2026, a seasonal policy has been instituted regarding the placement and removal of flowers, ornaments, and other adornments at grave sites in our cemetery.



The cycle for placement of those items will be consistent with seasonal changes. Therefore, beginning in March through September, we ask that spring and summer seasonal items be displayed; and October through February fall and winter seasonal items be displayed.

At the end of each season, we ask that items out of season be removed. Any items remaining will be removed by custodians of the cemetery. We ask that all items displayed be placed either on the headstone or as close to the stone as possible to accommodate mowing.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 12, 2026 - Lord’s Acre Festival
- Oct. 4, 2026 - Rally Day

Worship Lay Readers & Greeters

Many new folks at Salem are becoming involved in worship, Sunday School & Bible Study. If you would like to volunteer to be a lay reader or greeter for worship, contact Bill Burrier.

SHUTTLE MINISTRY

Salem provides Shuttle Service for “Ruritan Event”

Photos by Michael Burrier



John Ritchie-Martin assists passengers on the trips from the church to the park.



Pastor Neil takes his shift driving the Salem Church van shuttle service.

On Saturday, May 9, 2026, Salem provided additional parking for the Ruritan Club’s annual Chainsaw Carving and Artisan Festival. The Salem Church van was used to shuttle festival goers from the church to the Ruritan Park and back.

Michael Burrier and Pastor Neil drove the van and John Ritchie-Martin assisted the passengers with onboarding and off boarding.

Both Michael and Pastor Neil reported having an enjoyable time meeting festival goers, having great conversations with passengers, and even “talking church” when passengers brought it up.

Salem also wishes to thank John Ritchie-Martin for his excellent assistance.

Scenes from . . .

SENIOR LUNCHEON – APRIL 26, 2026

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



The Salem Community Church hosted a Senior Luncheon event April 26, 2026, attended by approximately 30 seniors. The Bee-lievers women's group expertly prepared the meal, while youths assisted with setting up the social hall and providing exceptional service. Denny Leatherman curated a program commemorating the USA's 250th birthday.



Scenes from . . .

FLOWER & PLANT SALE • FOOD SALE • YARD SALE

The Bee-lievers women's group held their annual Flower & Plant Sale, Food Sale, and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 9. The sale featured an assortment of beautiful flowers and food options such as egg and cheese sandwiches with sausage or country ham (a Gary Barkdoll specialty at the grill), hot dogs, sloppy joes, and homemade baked goods.

Profits from the event: \$1,468.00 Flower & Plant Sale; \$797.24 Food Sale; and \$3,303 Yard Sale (2 days).

Total profits \$5,568.24.

Photo by Bill Burrier



Barbie Stottleymer hand selected the flowers in Lancaster County, PA

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Check out line at the flower & plant sale.

Photo by Michael Burrier



Kenzly & Colton were excited to help set up the flowers for the sale.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



Gary Barkdoll at the grill making those sought after breakfast sandwiches.



1. In Person

For those at sanctuary worship, an offering box is available at the rear of the sanctuary.

2. By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to:

Salem Community Church
Church Treasurer
P. O. Box 144
Myersville, MD 21773-0144

Make checks payable to: **Salem Community Church**

3. Electronically Online

You may give electronically by viewing our website SalemChurchWolfsville.org and select GIVE.



The Book of Ruth in the Bible

A Sunday school class was in session and the teacher announced the subject would be "Ruth."



"Now," said the teacher, "what do you know about Ruth?"

Up went the hand of a youngster.

"Well," said the teacher, "what can you tell us about Ruth?"

Quick as a flash, the proud boy replied: "He knocked 54 home runs last year."

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Some thoughts to ponder . . .

To admit I have been wrong is but saying that I am wiser today than I was yesterday.

If you are not as close to God, as you once were, you need not wonder who it is who moved.

A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.

Either the Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible.



The Mountain Shepherd

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SERVICE TIMES

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

